

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

2. THE FRENCH CHARGEE IN MOSCOW, JAKUES DUPONT (PROTECT), MET RECENTLY WITH BOLDYREV, CHIEF OF MFA'S MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES DEPARTMENT, AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING READ-OUT AT THE AUGUST 14 QUADRIPARTITE MEETING:

3. POLITICAL SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN: BOLDYREV ADMITTED THAT THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN THE COUNTRY, BUT MAINTAINED THAT THIS WAS NOT SURPRISING BECAUSE THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION IS IN A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. BOLDYREV SAID THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ATTRIBUTED THE EVENTS IN KABUL ON AUGUST 5 TO THE INTERFERENCE OF OUTSIDE POWERS, BUT HE ADDED THAT THE SITUATION IS NOW IN HAND. THE SOVIETS ARE VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS AFGHANISTAN'S LEADERS; RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE EXCELLENT; AND THE SOVIETS ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF AFGHANISTAN.

4. SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN: ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET INTERVENTION, BOLDYREV SAID THE USSR IS OPPOSED TO ANY INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN FROM ANY DIRECTION. HE REFERRED TO BREZHNEV'S NOVEMBER 1978 STATEMENT ON IRAN AS THE BASIC SOVIET POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE AREA AND SAID IT IS APPLICABLE TO AFGHANISTAN. WHILE STATING THAT THE 1978 SOVIET-AFGHAN TREATY IS NOT A MILITARY ONE, BOLDYREV ADDED THAT, IF THERE WERE A THREAT TO PEACE IN THE REGION, THE SOVIET UNION COULD NOT BE INDIFFERENT. ANY SOVIET ACTION, HOWEVER, WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE UN CHARTER.

5. SOVIET PRESENCE TODAY: WHEN QUERIED ABOUT REPORTS THAT THERE WERE 3,082 SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN, BOLDYREV SAID THE NUMBER WAS GROSSLY EXAGGERATED.

6. DRA'S POLITICAL FUTURE: DUPONT SAID THAT BOLDYREV, THROUGH HIS STATEMENTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, THAT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOT PLANNING TO RESHUFFLE IT. GARRISON

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5. SOVIET PRESENCE TODAY: ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT THERE WERE 4,000 SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN, BOLDYREV SAID THE NUMBER WAS GROSSLY MAGNIFIED.

6. IRAQ'S POLITICAL FUTURE: DUPONT SAID THAT BOLDYREV, THROUGH HIS STATEMENTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, WAS ALLYING HIMSELF THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOT PLANNING TO RESCUE IT. GARRISON

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